(b) whether it is a fact that Dronacharya award winners has been de nied the facility of free railway passes when they and Arjuna award winners come under the same category and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would recon sider its decision?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Dronacharya award winners, are not covered under the scheme of complimentary card passes. Due to resource constraints, Railways are not in a position to add any new category, including Dronacharya Award winners, in the list of categories entitled to Complimentary Card Pass.

Various Projects of Railways under Construction in Punjab

428. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various project viz. gauge conversion, new railway lines, construction of bridges etc. in the State of Punjab and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c)

Details of projects.	Cost (Rs. in Crs.)	Progress made
UTTAR PRADESH		
NEW LINES		
Katra Faizabad	51.00	land acquisition completed. Tenders for the bridge are under finalisation.
GAUGE CONVERSIONS		
Mathura- Achnera	20.00	This work was earlier planned under BOLT Scheme, However, owing to high rates and unacceptable conditions, the work would be taken up by the Railways in the coming years.
Khadda-Gorakhpur	67.00	Work is in full swing and is expected to be completed during 1998-99.
Kashipur-Lalkuan	45.00	The work would be completed by end of 1999.
Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura & Kasganj-Bareilly.	395.00	CCEA's approval has been received. Work is being started and will be completed in the IXth Plan.

BRIDGES

Name of Work	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)		Remarks
	Rly's Share	State Share	
ROB in lieu of LC No. 116A at Km. 636/0-1 Ahraura Rd. Jeonathpur Sec. near Jeonathpur.	31.98	36.10	100"% work completed. ROB opened for traffic.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 34-B at Km. 58/15-16 on Sultanpur-Zafrabad near Sultanpur.	113.70	135.02	27% progress by Rly. & 50% by State Govt, due to land acquisition not done by State Govt.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 26A at Km. 107/11-12 near Raibareilly.	129.00	193.00	100% work completed. ROB opened for Traffic.
ROB at Km. 677/9-10 on Mughalsarai-Allahabad near Ramnagar.	deposit	770.00	70% progress.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 12A at Km. 877/26-27 near Subedar-ganj	209.51	228.30	71% progress of work. State Govt, not started.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 279 B3 at Km. 1175/6-7 on Batraya Panwari near Hardoi	191.94	221.23	100% work completed by Rly. State Govt, work not progressing due to shortage of funds.
RUB in lieu of LC No. 29 Km. near Etawah.	311.67	307.24	12% progress of work.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 21A near Partapur	144.92	670.01	Tender under finalisation.
ROB in lieu of LC 95-A at Km. 1296-31 near Hateras	373.76	453.95	Plan approval awaited" from State Govt.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 109A at Km. 1325/35-37 on Ghaziabad-Kanpui Sec. near 1325/35-37 Aligarh at Ram-ghat Road.	139.48	345.27	Plan & Est. under preparation.
ROB on NH No. 28 at Km. 188 near Rampur	265.00	265.00	Work deferred by Rly. as State Govt, not started approved work.
RUB in lieu of LC No. 154-C at Km. 18/12-14 on Gaushala Road Ghaziabad.	174.90	236.41	Plan and estimate under preparation
ROB at Km. 56/126 on Balamau bye pass road near Sitapur (Lucknow)	deposit work.	92.52	65\ progress of work by Rly. 80% by State Govt.

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Name of Work	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)		Remarks
	Rly's Share	State Share	
ROB near Lucknow bye-pass at Faizabad	deposit work	179.00	65% progress of work by Rly. & 15% by State Govt.
ROB near Faizabad-Allahabad bye-pass road at Faizabad.	deposit work		70% progress of work by Rly. & 45% by State Govt.
ROB near Faizabad BSB bye pass road at Faizabad.	deposit work		76% progress of work by Rly. & 75% by State Govt.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 3 ML 'A' between Badsha Nagar & Malahar Rly. Station.	342.00	1002.00	State Govt's approval awaited for GAD and detailed estimate for bridge approaches.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 6 at Km., 4/6-7 near Eye Hospital at Kanpur on Kanpur-Anwar-ganj-Rawatur Section.	305.00	429.00	State Govt, not yet sanctioned the estimate.
ROB in lieu of LC no-. 2A at Km. 63/3-4 near Mauindara.	373.00	411.00	100% progress by Rly. & 90% by State Govt.
RUB Km. 213/9-10 near Har-tatpur.	deposit work.	425.00	92% progress.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 31 A' at Km. 65/6-7 near Ballia.	365.96	497.69	100% work complete ROB opened on March 97.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 1 Spl. at Km. 188 near Rampur.	530.00		GAD plan under finalisation with MOST
PUNJAB			
NEW LINES Ludhiana-Chandigarh		248.43	Work will be taken up after obtaining the necessary clearances.
Taran Tarn-GoindWal		22.96	Work will be taken up after obtaining Planning Commission's approval.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 2A/2 near LUDHIANA.	118.07	843.05	Estimate under sanction.
ROB in lieu of LC No. 25B at Kot-Kapura near	400.79	619.09	Estimate under process.

Name of Work	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)		Remarks
	Rly's Share	State Share	Remarks
BHATINDA.			
ROB in lieu of LC 68A on Ludhiana-Amritsar section near Jalandhar Cantt. at Ramamandi.	304.50	299.17	Plan & Est. under process.
ROB in lieu of LC A-l on Ludhiana-Dhuri section near Ludhiana.	234.26	735.13	Plan under approval with State Govt
ROB widening near RAJPURA on UMB-LDN line.	deposit work.	669.00	6% progress;

Construction of railway track from Panchatna to Silchar

429. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposal of Government of Meghalaya to construct a Railway track from Panchatna to Silchar along the International Border with Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, by when Government will start the process of construction of the said Railway line?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has been sent for clearance by Defence authorities and the construction can be taken up only after the requisite clearance is over.

Construction of Daitari—Banspani line in Orissa

430. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Daitari-Banspani line which is under constiuctin in Orissa;

(b) whether East-Coast Railway Division has identified that project as a priority project in order to expedite the construction work;

(c) if so, the fund provision made in 1997-98 for the purpose; and

(d) the date by which the line is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Work on the formation and bridges between kms. 0 to 124 is at present in progress. The land beyond kms. 124 upto 155 is to be made available by the State Govt, to the Railways. For environmental clearance, State Govt, has already approached Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Rs. 25 crores have been provided during the current financial year.

(d) By March, 2000.

Setting up of Railway terminal at Dahanu Road

431. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received a request in 1996 to set up a Railway terminal at Dahanu Road on Western Railway in Maharashtra;